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Applicants: Barry et al.

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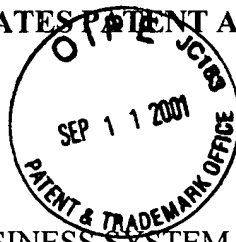
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 9, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims for examination:

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5a DC13-96. (New) An integrated and secure method for conducting business over the public Internet by enabling a customer of an enterprise communications network to command and control the customer's switched communications connections within the network over the public Internet and to view the results of any changes in the customer's connections over the public Internet, said method comprising:

providing an object oriented protocol to enable encrypted interactive communications between said system and said customer over the public Internet, said protocol invoked within said customers web browser to support encryption, customer identification, authentication and network entitlements;

providing at least one secure web server to manage secure customer sessions over the public Internet, said secure server providing session management for the customer connection, said session management including customer identification, validation, entitlements and

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